

BEFORE THE  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

BELLFLOWER UNIFIED SCHOOL  
DISTRICT.

OAH Case No. 2015070676

ORDER GRANTING JOINT REQUEST  
FOR CONTINUANCE AND SETTING  
PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND  
HEARING DATES

On October 1, 2015, the parties filed a joint request to continue the dates in this matter. The parties agreed to dates for the continued due process hearing; however, the Office of Administrative Hearings is not available for hearing on the dates the parties requested, as published on OAH's public website.

A due process hearing must be conducted and a decision rendered within 45 days of receipt of the due process notice unless an extension is granted for good cause. (34 C.F.R. § 300.515(a) & (c) (2006); Ed. Code, §§ 56502, subd. (f), 56505, subd. (f)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1020.) As a result, continuances are disfavored. Good cause may include the unavailability of a party, counsel, or an essential witness due to death, illness or other excusable circumstances; substitution of an attorney when the substitution is required in the interests of justice; a party's excused inability to obtain essential testimony or other material evidence despite diligent efforts; or another significant, unanticipated change in the status of the case as a result of which the case is not ready for hearing. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(c).) OAH considers all relevant facts and circumstances, including the proximity of the hearing date; previous continuances or delays; the length of continuance requested; the availability of other means to address the problem giving rise to the request; prejudice to a party or witness as a result of a continuance; the impact of granting a continuance on other pending hearings; whether trial counsel is engaged in another trial; whether the parties have stipulated to a continuance; whether the interests of justice are served by the continuance; and any other relevant fact or circumstance. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(d).)

☒ Granted. All dates are vacated. This matter will be set as follows:

Prehearing Conference: December 28, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Due Process Hearing: January 5, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., and January 6 and 7, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., and continuing day to day, Monday through Thursday, as needed at the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: October 01, 2015

/s/

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SABRINA KONG  
Administrative Law Judge  
Office of Administrative Hearings